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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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EXAMINERS FINDINGS: (DETAILED ACTION)

RESPONSE:

Pg. 2, #3 (drawings)

Per examiners suggestion, phrase "Fig 4A" has been removed from drawing Fig 4.

Pg. 2, #4 (specification)

Per examiners suggestion, Title "An improved security code activated access control system" has been replaced with "Security code activated access control system".
Page 1 & 8.

Pg. 3, #5 & 6 (claim objections)

Typo errors corrected.
Page 37 & 38.

Pg. 3 & 4, #7-10
(claim rejections-35 USC 112)

Claim #1 has been rewritten to include first occurrence of "database".
Page 37.

Pg. 4-13, #11-15
(35 USC 102 & 35 USC 103)

Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the control device as having "independent and isolated operation from said database". This is a critical feature of this invention which sets it apart from Gruenberg and other known prior art. This feature is described in both the abstract, *"The database and control device have security code activities that are synchronized, though the two operate independently and are not electrically connected"* as well as the specifications but was erroneously left out of the first independent claim.

Gruenberg teaches a system requiring a communication link for operation as stated in the Gruenberg abstract, *"An authentication system in which communication between two locations is provided by a continuous full duplex bi-directional communications highway..."* as well as shown in multiple drawings (item #5 & #6), specifications and claims,
Page 37.

Claim 15 has been rewritten to further include the intent of the allowable claim 18 per examiner Zand's suggestion during a telephone conversation of 12/8/04. The existing dependent Claim 18 therefore has been deleted and claims 19 and 20 renumbered to 18 and 19 respectively.
Page 38 & 39.